



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Alexander et al. Art Unit: 3736  
Appl. No: 09/882,363 Examiner: Jonathan M. Foreman  
File Date: June 15, 2001 Docket No.: 3104/105 (previously STAN-144/01US)  
Customer No.: 02101 Conf. No.: 6739  
Invention: Assessing the Condition of a Joint and Preventing Damage

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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this response and requests that the following amendments and remarks, in response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2007, be considered.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.